

BLOCK LODGE PLAN CHANGES

UNCLE SAM HAS BIG SWEATSHOP HERE IN CAPITAL

Reclassification Commission Will Supply Congress With Proof.

FEW BENEFIT BY WAR

Thousands, Many Handling Millions of Dollars, Get Pittance.

After weeks of investigation, G. W. Axelson has prepared for The Washington Herald a series of articles revealing conditions in what he calls "Uncle Sam's sweatshop"—the government service in Washington.

Mr. Axelson's articles are analytical and critical, informative and reformative, and especially interesting at this time because of the work being done by the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries.

The articles form a document of human interest which will carry its appeal to every resident of the National Capital, and all others concerned in the welfare of the government worker. The first article appears today, and daily will be followed by others until the subject has been thoroughly covered.

By G. W. AXELSON.

Within a few days Congress will be in possession of facts and figures which will show that Uncle Sam is running the biggest sweatshop in the country right here in Washington.

It will learn from the report of the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries that the average pay of the clerical force in the retirement group in 1916 was \$1,138, and in 1920, \$1,137.28, or a raise of 72 cents in ninety-three years.

It also will be brought to attention that the annual minimum living cost on the basis of present day requirements, to a single man in 1919 in the District was \$961.41, for a single woman, \$1,037.30, and for a family of five, \$1,362.74.

Was Benefited Few.

With the tremendous expansion caused by war activities, certain classes were benefited, but the statutory salaries remained as they were fixed under the classification of 1914. Changes have been made here and there since then, but so far as the welfare of the average employee is concerned Uncle Sam has gone without a change of reward for sixty-five years.

Today \$720 is still considered as "salary" for thousands and \$1,200 is regarded as maximum pay in some departments. There are those on the pay roll at \$55 and \$60 a month, the same as they were more than half a century ago. Your Uncle is not ashamed to pay even as low as \$20 and \$30 a month, although this is for part time only. This is the amount received by charwomen and similar classes of workers.

The commission started work last April. After checking up for a little more than three months, it discovered that of the 104,000 government employees in the District approximately 27,000 were getting \$30 a month or less, exclusive of the war bonus of \$200 granted last July. In the final classification the total number of employees will be fewer, possibly 20,000, but of

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AT WASHINGTON THEATERS

Shubert-Belasco—"Joan of Arkansas."

Poli—"Frank Tinney in 'Some Time'."

National—"A Prince There Was."

Shubert-Garrick—"Bucking the Tiger."

Moore's Rialto—"Alice Brady in 'The Fear Market'."

Loew's Palace—Wallace Reid in "Hawthorne of the U. S. A."

Crandall's Metropolitan—Gerardine Farrar in "Flame of the Desert."

B. F. Keith's—Vaudeville.

Crandall's—"Marguerite Marsh in 'The Phantom Honeymoon'."

Moore's Garden—"Every woman."

Moore's Strand—"Leah Baird in 'The Capitol'."

Loew's Columbia—"H. B. Warner in 'A Fugitive From Matrimony'."

Cosmos—"Continuous vaudeville and pictures."

Crandall's Knickerbocker—"Mary Pickford in 'The Hoodlum'."

Gaiety—"Burlesque; 'Best Show in Town'."

Folly—"Burlesque; 'The World Beaters'."

Urges Business Women to Unite For H. C. L. Fight



Calling on the women of America to unite against high prices in 1920, Miss Florence King, president of the National Woman's Association of Commerce, yesterday sent a New Year greeting to every local of the organization and to every State headquarters.

"No New Year resolutions will cut the high cost of living," Miss King said.

"Get on the firing line against this high cost and buy judiciously. Then watch the river of supply back up over the dam and break the prices."

"The power is yours in 1920 as never before. Use it and tell your men to use it."

BIG BRITISH LOAN IMPOSSIBLE, IS CAPITOL VERDICT

Congress Strongly Opposed To Further Extension of Credit to Europe.

By UNIVERSAL SERVICE.

If Sir George Paish came to the United States with the expectation of securing the consent of Congress to a loan of \$12,000,000,000 to be made to the allied governments of Europe, he is destined to return home a much disappointed man.

There does not seem to be the remotest possibility that Congress can be induced to authorize a loan of such vast amount, or indeed of any amount additional to the \$9,447,419.44 of credit already extended to Europe.

The statement that Viscount Grey, the British Ambassador, had the pledge of the Wilson administration to support the \$12,000,000,000 loan was not credited at the Capitol.

Congress Strongly Opposed.

It was thought most unlikely that President Wilson or Secretary Glass would have given such assurance in view of the fact that Congress is in the control of the Republicans and already has made known its decided hostility, not only to any increase of credits to Europe, but also to any extension of time for the payment of interest on the loans already made.

The suggestion that Congress ought to authorize an extension of time for payment of interest on European loans was made about a month ago. It met with no favor in Congress. The opposition was pronounced. Republican House Leader Mondell attacked the proposal. It also met hostility on the Democratic side. Representatives Kitchin, Wingo and other prominent Democrats making forceful statements in opposition.

Point to Treasury Deficit.

The burden of all the speeches made on the subject was that the United States government would not be justified in affording any further financial help to the allies. It was pointed out that Secretary Glass had submitted to Congress a budget calling for the appropriation of nearly \$6,000,000,000 to meet expenses during the coming year. The Secretary said the Treasury was facing a deficit of

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Two Girls Die in Blaze; Smoke Prevents Rescue

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Fire of unknown origin, which today destroyed the home of Max Chipin, resulted in the suffocation of Sophia Chipin, 9 years old, and her cousin, Sarah Setken, aged 10.

After rescuing his wife and three other children, Chipin made a heroic attempt to save the two little girls, but dense smoke balked his efforts.

Actress Haried to Death.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Miss Veneta Pittsburgh, 24 years old, a New York actress, recently returned from London, was huried, sixty feet over a bridge here today and instantly killed when an automobile in which she was riding crashed into the bridge railing. Several other persons in the machine suffered minor injuries.

HALL MAY HEAR MURDER CHARGE VERDICT TODAY

Jury in Trial of Dry Agent Expected to Report This Morning.

CHARGE RUM RING AID Defense Claims Baltimore Whisky Interests Pay Special Prosecutor.

By JAMES RING, (Staff Correspondent).

Manassas, Va., Jan. 1.—With all testimony in and the jury locked up for the night, the fate of William C. Hall, State prohibition inspector, on trial here for the second time for the murder of Lawrence D. Hudson, alleged bootlegger, last March, probably will be decided at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when court will reconvene.

Arguments of counsels commenced at 11:55 o'clock this morning and continued until 6:03 o'clock this afternoon. The case then was submitted to the jury.

The prosecution asked a verdict of murder in the second degree. It began the day by producing T. R. Cather, commonwealth's attorney of Winchester, Va.

Hall testified that "Fuss,"

Cather testified that Hall, while in the Evans Hotel, Winchester, said he didn't "see why they're making such a fuss about those men. They're only a pair of bootleggers." Under cross-examination Cather declared the statement was made by Hall soon after the killing of Hudson and Raymond Shackelford near Winchester. Hall, he said, was alluding to a disturbance outside the hotel, caused by ill feeling following the shooting.

The defense then introduced witnesses to testify to Hall's character as reported to those placed on the stand by the prosecution yesterday.

Hall, himself, began by telling the jury he had arrested and subsequently caused the conviction of A. P. Pea, a prosecution character witness, in Danville, Va., three years ago, for disorderly conduct. Pea, on the stand yesterday.

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\$2,000,000 AIR PRIZES FOR 1920

Yankee Aces to Compete in First Globe-Girdling Aerial Derby.

New York, Jan. 1.—Prizes of more than \$2,000,000 will be placed within the reach of airmen during 1920.

The Aero Club of America already has a list of eleven major events submitted by the International Aeronautic Federation in which Yankee aces will be asked to fly the American colors. The list includes:

The first aerial derby around the world for prizes of \$1,000,000.

The international air derby across the United States for \$100,000.

The Pacific Aerial Club's race across the Pacific Ocean for \$50,000.

The Curtiss Marine flying contest for \$1,000.

The intercollegiate trophy races for \$5,000.

The \$2,000 Glidden touring contest.

Among others for prizes not yet fixed are the International air contests in France, the International marine flying contests in Italy; the International balloon trophy contests in America, and Cuban aerial contests in Havana, February 21 to March 1.

Big British Deficit.

London, Jan. 1.—The treasury deficit for the nine months ending December 31 is £429,725,000, it was announced today. Revenues totaled £696,352,000, while expenditures were £1,126,077,000, according to the statement.

Soviet to Rule World, Trotsky's Greeting to 1920

London, Jan. 1.—In a triumphant message to the world, the Russian Socialist Soviet republic today sent its New Year greetings to all peoples declaring 1919 a year of victory for the workers.

The message, received by wireless from Moscow, predicted Soviet governments in Washington, London, Paris and Berlin, asserting Soviet authority will become world-wide.

The message was signed by War Minister Trotsky.

Senator Capper Aids Movement for Efficient D. C. Schools in Congress

When the citizens and business men of the District go before Congress to make a plea for sufficient funds with which to put the schools of the city on a sound, workable basis they will be warmly received, in the opinion of Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas. Congress will be glad, he believes, to have the organizations call to the legislators' attention the serious conditions prevailing in the District school system.

Sensor Capper is in charge of the bill which provides for the retirement of superannuated teachers in the District school system and which is now on the Senate calendar. This bill meets one of the five needs of the local school system that must be met to put it on an efficient basis and which the "Big Four" have included in their platform for action at this session of Congress.

Sensor Sherman, chairman of the District committee, said he would press for action on this measure when Congress convenes on Monday, and it is probable it will soon become a law.

Need Generally Recognized.

"The need for such legislation is well known," said the Senator, discussing school problems with a representative of The Washington Herald. "I do not believe there will be any serious opposition to the measure on the floor of the Senate. When it is called up for consideration in the regular order, I think it will go through without amendment and become a law."

Taking up the question of the needs

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DUBLIN TO SIFT "BATTLE" FACTS

Phoenix Park Tragedy Leads to Order for Public Sworn Inquiry.

Dublin, Jan. 1.—To prevent recurrences of Sunday's shooting affray in Phoenix Park, the Port and Docka Board at a meeting today adopted a resolution, moved by the lord mayor, demanding a public, sworn inquiry into the deaths of Lieut. Boast and Lawrence Kennedy, who were killed in the miniature battle which followed an attempt to raid the vice-regal lodge.

The motion was introduced as a result of widespread indignation of Dublin's citizens and an almost universal demand that the real facts of the shooting be determined. The lord mayor, in introducing the motion, said:

"The public should be protected against a recurrence of these happenings."

Details of Sunday's affair are still shrouded in mystery. The investigation is expected to start in a fortnight.

THIEVES RANSACK SUITES AS FIRE IS FOUGHT

While fire companies fought a \$10,000 blaze late yesterday in the Balfour Apartments, Sixteenth and U streets, thieves took toll of hurriedly abandoned suites.

A pearl necklace valued at \$250 was stolen from the rooms of Mrs. E. B. Latham and other articles were reported missing by several tenants.

Alarm of the fire was telephoned by Mrs. B. A. Bullock, after she had discovered flames shooting up the dumb-waiter shaft to her flat. Originating in the basement, the blaze found natural flues through several of these shafts.

British Officers in Action.

British army officers making a New Year visit did yeoman service in the suite of Lieut. Col. H. M. Groninger, threatened by the flames, which they extinguished in that sector before the arrival of apparatus.

The spread of the flames was so rapid that some occupants had narrow escapes. Miss Julia Walker, 60 years old, who is deaf and blind, was carried from her suite on the second floor by firemen. E. B. Latham suffered burns about the face when he opened the door of his dumb-waiter shaft on the sixth floor after seeing smoke come from it.

There was one minor fatality. "Dippy," a pet canary belonging to the family of Col. Groninger, was asphyxiated. His feathered partner "Baldy," was brought out unharmed.

Naps Rudely Interrupted.

Several New Year parties were broken up by the fire and some occupants of suites emerged from smoking apartments in negligence, awakened while taking afternoon naps.

Police soon discovered that vandals had taken advantage of the confusion resulting from the fire to ransack rooms. A package containing hastily wrapped pieces of jewelry was discovered in a rear alley. Other householders, taking stock of their valuables, missed articles of a general investigation is being conducted.

The cause of the fire has not been discovered.

The Balfour, formerly the Westmoreland, is a seven-story structure of modern construction, occupied for the most part by professional men and army officers.

PRESIDENT ILL OF THROMBOSIS, SAY PHYSICIANS

Statement From Authoritative Source Explains Condition of Executive.

ORGANICALLY IS SOUND Wilson's Present State, Following Temporary Disability, Is Satisfactory.

Under a Washington date, the Baltimore Sun prints the following special dispatch:

In view of the widespread anxiety over the President's condition, emphasized as it is by the approach of the regular session of Congress, in which he will be called to a more active and a more exacting participation in the work of national legislation, The Sun has obtained from an authoritative source and prints herewith a statement as to the President's illness. This statement also includes a conservative estimate of his present condition and prognosis of its probable course in the near and the ultimate future.

Story of the Illness.

This statement reads:

"The President in September last, in view of the fatiguing labors at the Peace Conference, and his interrupted work through the heated spell in Washington, undertook his Western journey against the advice of his physician and against the wishes of his family, and in—"

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FOCH CREDITS DIVINE VISION

Victorious Decision in Great War Came from Supreme Will, Marshal Says.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Marshal Foch believes the victory in the World War was due to divine inspiration, according to his own statement printed in today's Echo de Paris.

"I do not call it a miracle," says Foch, "but in a supreme moment clear vision is sometimes given to a man, compelling him to take certain measures of enormous importance."

"In the formidable war I believe I had such vision in the battles of the Marne, on the Yser, and on March 28, 1918. The victorious decision came from the supreme divine will."

Marshal Foch tells the interviewer that ever since, at the age of 17, he saw the Germans in Metz, he has resolved upon revenge. He continues:

"When a man of ordinary capacity concentrates all his faculties and energies upon a single aim he is bound to attain it."

"I won the war because I was determined to do so, and also because I never got excited, never gave way to useless emotions, but reserved all my strength and will for my task."

"The Kaiser helped us win because he is hot-headed and not the master of his emotions."

STERN OF SHIP DRIFTS ASHORE

Wreckage Marked "A. W. Allan, Providence, R. I." In Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 1.—The stern of a schooner, bearing the name "A. W. Allan, Providence, R. I.," drifted ashore at Harborville, near Kentville, N. S., last night, according to messages received here today.

Shipping men judge the wreckage to be that of a large three-masted schooner, which supposedly foundered in the recent storms sweeping the Atlantic.

Wreckage, including a trunk filled with woman's clothing, has been drifting ashore near Harborville for several days.

Lloyd's register lists no schooner A. W. Allan.

\$100,000 Blaze at Erie, Pa.

Erie, Pa., Jan. 1.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed one of the main buildings of the Erie Car Works early today, causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000. Two injured city firemen are in hospitals.

Jewel Theft of \$25,000.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1.—Burglars today entered the home of Griffith O. Ellis, publisher of the American Boy magazine, and stole \$25,000 worth of jewelry.

"Helliest Hell" For 14 Days in Ship of Terrors

Engineer, Crazy by Memory of Murder, Slashed By Mexican.

New York, Jan. 1.—Fourteen days of what the crew described as "the helliest hell" ended here today when the American steamer City of Puebla docked in the North River.

Termination of the voyage from Manchester, England, saw the crew without food and water; the third engineer a raving maniac, his throat and arms slashed; a Mexican water tender in irons and the firemen forced to their boilers at a point of a revolver.

A squad of policemen hurried Robert McKeken, of Wyoming, in an ambulance to the Marine Hospital and took Manuel Lopez, his assailant, to prison.

Two days out from Manchester the trouble started, said Capt. T. Ranier. Weeping hysterically, McKeken forced his way into the captain's cabin with a yell:

"I must tell. I can't keep it any longer."

He then told incoherently of a sheep herder's fight in Wyoming during which he killed a man. He took to the sea for safety. His secret unbosomed. McKeken became a raving maniac and rushed from the cabin. He met Lopez, who slashed McKeken's throat and cut both his arms with a razor. Lopez was thrown in irons.

Disension then spread among the firemen. Chief Engineer Hazard was bowled over with a wrench, but was saved by members of the crew. Order was restored only after the galley had been raided and the stock of food almost depleted. Water casks were spilled.

Immediately after the vessel touched her nose to the pier the crew rushed for "food joints to feed up after a twenty-four hour's starvation."

The City of Puebla, of 2,890 tons, is owned by the Pacific Coast Company.

3 DEAD, 3 HURT; ENGINE BLEW UP

Hagerstown Men Victims of Explosion on Western Maryland Railroad.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 1.—Three men were killed and three badly injured today as the result of an explosion of a Western Maryland Railroad locomotive, 300 yards west of Clear Springs station, which is eleven miles west of Hagerstown. The dead, all of Hagerstown, are: A. H. Trail, fireman; John T. Widdows, conductor; L. Edward Morrison, engineer.

The injured: C. H. Heater, fireman; Herbert Kramer, engineer; J. E. Fry, conductor, all of Hagerstown.

The injured were brought to the Washington County Hospital here. All will recover. The train was a double-header, consisting of about 100 empty cars, and was bound for Cherry Run. The rear engine, No. 568, exploded. The boiler was lifted from the trucks and hurled on to a parallel track. A quantity of the debris fell upon the front engine, No. 402, and caused the injury of the three men inside.

Trail was instantly killed. His body was hurled more than 100 feet to a nearby field. Morrison and Widdows both suffered fractured skulls, dying within an hour after the accident. Widdows was reading his train orders when the explosion occurred.

Daniels Not a Candidate For President, He Says

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels' newspaper, the News and Observer, carried today, under a Washington date line, an authorized story from its correspondent that Daniels will not be a candidate for President.

The correspondent says Daniels authorized this statement today when informed that Maurice F. Lyons, campaign manager of the Pomerene-for-President Committee, had declared Senator Pomerene would make no contest for instructed delegates in those States with "favorite sons."

Two Billion Crowns Made In America for Rumania

London, Jan. 1.—The American government has notified Rumania that a transport is enroute with two billion crowns in paper money, printed in America, according to a dispatch from Bucharest.

As soon as the new money arrives the government will withdraw the currency issued during German occupancy, the dispatch added.

Shoots Friend for New Year.

Boston, N. J., Jan. 1.—S. V. Vochnie, according to the police, celebrated New Year early today by shooting and seriously wounding his friend, Dominic Dode, during a party.

40 SENATORS UNIT AGAINST COMPROMISE

New, of Indiana, Tells G. O. P. Leader His Reservations Provide Only Acceptable Basis for Ratification of Covenant.

FULL LEEWAY GIVEN TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Foreign Affairs Chairman Becoming Impatient With Negotiators, Who Fail to Advance Definite Proposal—Borah Sends Quiz.

Negotiations for a compromise on the treaty have been halted by a group of Republican Senators who are unwilling to have any alterations made in the Lodge reservations now before the Senate.

These Senators have notified Senator Lodge that if any material changes are made in the Lodge reservations they will vote against ratification. Forty Senators are said to be ready to take this stand, this being seven more than the number necessary to keep the treaty from being ratified.

Sensor New, of Indiana, conveyed this information to Senator Lodge on behalf of the other Senators who believe, as he does, that the Lodge reservations represent the maximum of concessions which opponents of the treaty in its present form should make to those who demand ratification.

Only Available Basis.

Sensor New said today:

"I believe the Senate can come nearer to agreement on the Lodge reservations than on any other proposition that might be made."

"There are at least forty Senators, not all of them Republicans, who will vote against the treaty if substantial modifications in those reservations are made by a majority of the Senate. These forty Senators will go as far as the Lodge reservations, but no farther."

"The Lodge reservations in themselves are a compromise between those who oppose the whole scheme of the treaty, and the extremists, like the President, who want the treaty ratified with no reservations."

"I am opposed to the treaty myself, but am willing to vote for it with the Lodge reservations, and, in my opinion, it never will be possible to get sixty-four members of the Senate to vote for any other proposition."

Discussion of the treaty situation among the Senators was entirely suspended yesterday because of the holidays. It is expected that the efforts of administration Senators and "mild reservation" Republicans will be renewed with vigor tomorrow in the hope that some definite proposition will be ready for submission.

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DRIVEN BY LOVE TO DUAL KILLING

George Hewitt, Chicago's First Suicide of Year, Confessed Murder.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—George Hewitt, sought by the police for the murder of his wife, Anna, last Tuesday, was found dead in a room at the Lenox Hotel here today, the first suicide of the new year to be reported to the police.

A small bottle half filled with lycol and iodine was found beside the body. Pinned to a pillow was the following note:

"I, George Hewitt, do confess that I shot my wife during an argument. This is what happens when a husband is madly in love with his wife. I could not forget or live without her. Please notify my mother, Mrs. Fanny Hewitt, 2014 West Seventy-first street."

"GEORGE HEWITT."

When found Hewitt had been dead more than twenty-four hours. The police say he shot his wife when she refused to return to his home after leaving him Sunday, following a quarrel.

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